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The Chicago Coin Club meets the second Wednesday of each month at 8 P.M.  
The January meeting will be held Wednesday, January 10, 1968.

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The second annual Installation and Awards Dinner of the Chicago Coin Club will be held Wednesday evening, January 10, 1968, instead of the regular January meeting. The dinner-meeting will be held at Hardings Restaurant, 21 S. Wabash Avenue, with cocktails beginning at 6:30 p.m. and dinner to follow. For those who do not wish to attend the dinner, the meeting will begin at approximately 8:00 p.m. Matt H. Rothert, immediate Past President of the American Numismatic Association will be the installing officer. An extra treat for members will be surprise professional entertainment.

The cost of the dinner is \$5.00 per person. Tickets must be purchased in advance so we may give the restaurant a definite number of those coming. Tickets may be purchased from Howard B. Eisenberg, P. O. Box 45307, Chicago, Ill. 60645. Checks are to be made payable to the Chicago Coin Club. It is asked that all members planning to attend this dinner send in their check as soon as possible.

Enclosed please find my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ tickets to the January 10 meeting and dinner of the Chicago Coin Club to be held at Hardings Restaurant.

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## CHICAGO COIN CLUB

## Chatter

Meets the Second Wednesday, 8 P. M., at the Pick Congress Hotel

VOL. 23 No. 3

592nd MEETING

MARCH 13, 1968

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FEBRUARY MEETING REPORT

Meeting at the Pick Congress Hotel Feb. 14, about 40 members joined in thanking Howard Eisenberg for handling reservations for our January dinner meeting at Harding's.

Herb Shaner was recognized and thanked for his long and faithful service as editor of the CHATTER.

In his usual fine manner, Phil More presented A.N.A. Educational Award certificates to speakers at 1967 meetings.

A minute of silence observed the passing of Past President Robert L. McBrien whose death was reported in the February CHATTER.

President Grebinger announced the start of planning for a medal to commemorate our 50th anniversary next year.

George Petr gave an interesting explanation of bank credit card systems, and drew some pertinent questions at the close. (Since credit cards are to replace money, will the next generation collect credit cards instead of coins?)

Exhibits were shown by J. Babka, Harry Boosel, W. H. Brown, J. Doak, H. Eisenberg, H. Flower, J. Grebinger, Lee Hewitt, I. T. Kopicki, Gary Krug and Phil More.

OBITUARY

The Club lost its last charter member when Ernest Jonas, 80, passed away February 29th. He was a long-time A.N.A. member also, having become its member 1743 early in 1914. Born in Czechoslovakia on January 18, 1888, Ernest came to Chicago soon after the turn of the century and spent the remainder of his life here, being employed in the Postal Service. He was an ardent collector and student of Silesian coins and crowns of the world, exhibiting some of his fine pieces frequently.

Members of the Club extend condolences to Mrs. Magdalena Jonas, to their son Henry and daughter Eleanor, and to their eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Those who knew "Ernie" will long remember him as a true numismatist and a sincere friend. We hope to see Mrs. Jonas at our meetings as often as she can attend.

SPECIAL NEWS ITEM—After much corresponding, telephoning, conferring and just plain worrying, President Grebinger (and a few helpers) has obtained an official tax-exempt status for the Club from I.R.S. Congratulations, Jim!

PERSONALS

Marion Yeoman and Wm. Pettit were our representatives on the 1968 Assay Commission. . . The Frank Zayliks announce the birth of daughter Catherine Irene on January 19th. . . Sorry to report the theft of Joe Lessner's collection. . . LeRoy Kurtzeborn suffered a stroke recently. . . Word is out that Howie Eisenberg will take unto himself a wife in August. . . Enroute to the mid-February A.N.A. board meeting in Colorado Springs, your editor spent two days at the NASC convention in Los Angeles and enjoyed visits with old-time CCC members Ruth Green and M. H. Bolender. . . Both inquired about a number of the members "back home". . . Al and Gerda Birkholz escaped two weeks of winter weather by going on a Caribbean cruise since the last meeting.

Fred Hackett will give an illustrated talk on the Buffalo nickel at the March 13 meeting. This should be good, so don't miss the meeting. \* \* \* Be sure to watch the dates of future meetings - some may have to be changed from the second Wednesday.





CHICAGO COIN CLUB  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
JANUARY 1, 1967 TO DECEMBER 31, 1967

Cash in Bank, January 1, 1967

\$ 1,639.13

RECEIPTS:

Membership Dues -

|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| 117 Regular . . . . .     | \$ 585.00   |
| 27 Non-Resident . . . . . | 40.50       |
| 13 Associate . . . . .    | 13.00       |
| 5 Junior . . . . .        | <u>7.50</u> |

|                                                     |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 162 paid memberships . . . . .                      | \$ 646.00   |
| Balance collected for installation dinner . . . . . | 172.00      |
| From 2 matured U. S. bonds . . . . .                | 200.00      |
| Withdrawal from savings account . . . . .           | 500.00      |
| Club's share of P.N.G. show . . . . .               | 810.00      |
| Sale of A.N.A. medal . . . . .                      | 5.50        |
| From April auction sale . . . . .                   | <u>6.30</u> |

TOTAL RECEIPTS

2,339.80

\$ 3,978.93

DISBURSEMENTS:

|                                                               |              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Rental of meeting hall . . . . .                              | \$ 385.00    |
| Gratuities to porters . . . . .                               | 66.00        |
| Printing and mailing of "Chatter" . . . . .                   | 448.76       |
| Stationery and supplies . . . . .                             | 94.18        |
| Printing bylaws and program . . . . .                         | 40.70        |
| Guest speakers' expenses . . . . .                            | 29.45        |
| Board meetings . . . . .                                      | 140.09       |
| Transporting C.S.N.S. cases and medals . . . . .              | 77.44        |
| P.N.G. show expenses . . . . .                                | 104.00       |
| Installation dinner & photographs . . . . .                   | 341.00       |
| Reimbursement to secretary and editor . . . . .               | 100.00       |
| Plaques, medals and engravings . . . . .                      | 179.55       |
| Medal sold for A.N.A. building fund . . . . .                 | 5.50         |
| Federal taxes and penalties for 1961, 1963 and 1965 . . . . . | 990.99       |
| Preparation of tax returns from 1961 to 1965 . . . . .        | 50.00        |
| Safety deposit box . . . . .                                  | 16.00        |
| Dues to A.N.S., C.S.N.S. and I.N.A. . . . .                   | 24.00        |
| Insurance on club property . . . . .                          | 20.00        |
| Corporation filing fee . . . . .                              | 2.00         |
| Bank service charges . . . . .                                | 2.25         |
| Refreshments . . . . .                                        | <u>66.76</u> |

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

3,183.67

Cash in Bank, December 31, 1967

\$ 795.26

SUMMARY OF FUNDS IN TREASURY

Cash in checking account

\$ 795.26

Cash in savings account (includes interest)

768.18

United States Treasury bond (at cost)

72.00

\$ 1,635.44







## CHICAGO COIN CLUB

*Chatter*

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594th Meeting

July 10, 1968

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JULY 10 MEETING IN WASHINGTON ROOM - 3rd FLOOR NORTH (Elevators off lobby)JUNE MEETING NOTES

Your editor could not attend the June meeting due to being an invited guest at the Mundelein Coin Club meeting that evening. By the way, I was astonished at the good attendance this smaller club has; around 75 to 85 per cent of the total membership turns out, and quite a few of them are juniors.

A highlight of the CCC meeting was the brief talk made by guest William T. Louth, president of Medallic Art Company. Bill has been most helpful in getting us started with our 50th anniversary medal, and he spoke enthusiastically about it. He pointed out that "limited issue" usually means 2,000, 5,000, 10,000 or even more pieces, while our silver medal, being limited to one per member, cannot go beyond 225 or so. Bill's zeal for the project prompted him to take a membership application so that he may get a medal personally.

Phil More reported that James Budd will be chairman of exhibits at the PNG show here next fall. New members accepted into the Club were Philip and June Budd (Jim's parents), Bruno Rzepka (pronounce Repka) and John White. Welcome, Friends - jump in with both feet and take an active part in Club activities. The applications of Frank and Helen Olenicki of Elmhurst were read for the first time. After 7 members failed to respond to the monthly drawing, Marjorie Baker became the lucky one to have her 1969 dues remitted - who deserves it more? The luckless ones were Al Davis, Clyde Hand, Wm. Higginbotham, Al Ivancsits, Edgar Keller, Joseph Lessner and J. Thomas Nolan.

Exhibitors were: Gerda Birkholz, porcelain and bronze medals; Harry Boosel, Satirical medals; Harry Flower, new coins of Israel; J. L. Grebinger, obsolete bank note; Lee Hewitt, an autographed 10 yen note and Czechoslovakian 1968 commemorative coins; Philip More, mother of pearl gambling tokens; Louis Nagy, farthings from George III to Elizabeth II; George Petr, Illinois sesquicentennial medals; William Pettit, 8 books on Italian paper money and 3 notes; and Peter Spadoni, set of coins of Joachim Murat, Napoleon's son-in-law.

Invited guest Frank Racine exhibited and spoke on life-saving medals. Frank's collection and research on these medals are limited to those issued for saving life at or from the sea. He traced the history of such medals from the earliest formation of societies which makes these awards and cited several interesting instances of how lives were saved and thus medals awarded. Obviously, the medals are not numerous and all are rare. Frank has searched long and patiently for medals and the documented stories about them, and gave an excellent talk on the subject.

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Are you saving the "scarce" 1968-S cents? Miss Adams says 125 million have been produced for circulation, and that the total planned for the year is "more than 300 million." Scarce?

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No special program arranged for the July 10th meeting, so this will be a good time for members to make interesting exhibits and talks about them.





## THE MEDAL

Sculptor Rovelstad reports progress on the 50th anniversary medal models which he expects to have ready to photograph by the end of July. Maybe we can persuade him to attend the August meeting and give us a talk on some of his work. Subscription forms for the members' silver medals are ready and will be available at the July meeting, and may be obtained by mail from Vice President James Babka, 15250 S. Ridgeway, Midlothian, Ill. 60445. A subscription form and photos of the models will be sent to each member who has not previously signed up just as soon as photos become available. REMEMBER, 2 1/4" silver medals will be struck for members only, and only for those placing orders in advance of production.

## POTPOURRI OF PERSONALS

Too late for the last issue we learned that Andrew Oberbillig exhibited at the May show of Baraboo Coin Club and won 2nd place in foreign coins and, with another exhibit, the Best-of-show award.

Between meetings Pres. Grebinger had facial surgery but has that lean-face look back again. Guess these Pennsylvania Dutch can take it!

Members who've been around long enough to remember Earl C. and Helen Brown, members 418 and 463, should know that Earl moved to a new home about July first. Send a card to him at Wincrest Home, 6326 Winthrop Av., Chicago, Ill. 60626. Earl has not forgotten his friends - they should not forget him.

Banker Klein, the only member I know who gets free bank vault space, headed toward Florida for a vacation.

Howard Eisenberg is away on a short military training jaunt but will return in time to be married late in August.

Dennis Forgue, well-known west side paper money buff, attended the Texas Numis. Assn. mid-June convention in San Antonio where the Bureau of Engraving and Printing had a flat-bed press and printed money on it.

Not very personal to some but quite so to others is this reminder that August 20-24 and the ANA convention in San Diego will be upon us soon. If you haven't a room reservation, your best bet is to write immediately to Mrs. Mary Menko, Housing Supervisor, San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau, 330 "A" Street, San Diego, Ca. 92101.

## BELLOWS FALLS MONEY IN CHICAGO

This story is based on a "History of the Chicago Police," 1887, by John J. Flinn. Try to visualize Chicago 135 years ago - it isn't easy.

In the spring of 1833 a man named Hatch had been robbed by a fellow boarder of \$34 in Bellows Falls money at Old Geese's Tavern. Heacock, Chicago's first lawyer and the justice at the time, issued a warrant which was served by Constable Reed, who was a carpenter. The suspect was captured and taken to the carpenter's shop which was used as a "sweat-box". Surrounded by a crowd of interested spectators, the culprit was subjected to a systematic search. John D. Caton, who later became one of the most distinguished lawyers of the West, had been retained by the prosecution, and he compelled the prisoner to shed his clothes. Giles Spring, Caton's roommate and attorney for the defense, objected but the suspect was forced to shed his drawers and stockings, and in one of the latter the stolen money was found.

The court sat upon the carpenter bench and, in the face of such evidence, ordered the prisoner held for trial the next day. There being no jail, the constable had to sit up all night with him.

At Old Geese's Tavern the next day the trial took place with Caton and Spring distinguishing themselves before a dining-room full of country gawkes, half-breeds and Indians. The prisoner was convicted but gave straw bail pending a motion for a new trial. He escaped that night with, it was generally believed, the aid of Spring who was that determined to beat his roommate, Caton.

The only record we can find of the possible source of "Bellows Falls money" is that The Bank of Bellows Falls, Vermont, was established in 1832 and did issue bank notes in denominations of \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20 and \$50. Since there were no banks in the Chicago area at that time, such notes as found their way into the community from eastern banks were circulated.

As stated in the account, this was the era of "wild-cat money." However, The Bank of Bellows Falls was not a wild-cat bank. It continued under its original name until the National Banking Act was passed, then (1866) became the National Bank of Bellows Falls, with charter no. 1653. This identity continued until 1933 when it closed during the bank holiday, but reopened as the Windham National Bank. Twenty-five years later it was merged into the Vermont Bank and Trust Company of today.







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595th Meeting

August 14, 1968

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## AUGUST 14 MEETING IN ILLINOIS ROOM NO. 5 - LOWER LEVEL BY BARBER SHOP

### JULY MEETING NOTES:

Secretary Marge Baker reports there were 41 present, presumably including visitors. Looked like more but this probably was an illusion as we met in the smaller Washington Room. Hope no one missed it and that you'll find the Illinois Room on August 14.

New members Frank and Helen Olenicki of Elmhurst were welcomed; and applications of William Louth of New York, Frieda Schnell of Chi., and David Schector of Bellwood were noted with pleasure. \*\*Harry X Boosel asked members to notify him (c/o Chicago Coin Club, P.O. Box 435, Chicago 60690) if they either do or do not wish to be listed for notifying others of the deaths of Club members. \*\* Exhibits were by Harry Flower, Jim Grebinger, Lee Hewitt and Glenn Smedly. \*\* Losers in the monthly drawing were Irving Harris, Joseph Lessner, James O'Connor, Dr. Pollack and John Ross. The winner, whose 1969 dues will be remitted, was William Holm.

Considering no planned program for the meeting, it was most timely and fortunate to have Dr. John Davenport of Galesburg as a guest. He had arrived (with lack of sleep) from across the Atlantic where he had spent over three months in Europe researching for a new book on 15th-17th century crowns. He gave an informal talk on his experiences, which were varied but interesting, in the museums he visited in many countries.

### MEMBERS ON THE MOVE

With mixed feelings we report the loss to the Chicago area of the Philip More family. Phil

has moved to Chattanooga where he has accepted a managerial position with Modern Maid, Inc. Sorry as we are to lose friends, especially who've been so prominent in our Club, we do wish the Mores success and happiness. Phil says anyone driving Florida way should stop for a visit with them at Shepherd Hills Apt. H9, 404 Tunnel Blvd., Chattanooga, Tenn. 37411.

Another surprise: Harold Klein announcing his retirement from the First National Bank of Hinsdale, effective at the year end. No plans for leaving the area yet, but do not be surprised if Florida gains another family before long. Remembering the droll saw, "Old bankers never die, they just lose interest," we implore the Kleins not to lose interest in their CCC friends.

### ANNIVERSARY MEDAL TAKING SHAPE

The enclosed sheet shows photos of what the committee saw July 28 at Sculptor Rovelstad's Elgin studio. Brought up to date on the whole project, the board is pleased.

Now, it's your move. The models will be sent to Medallion Art Co. soon for making dies and striking medals. Yours will not be made unless ordered in advance, so fill out and mail the enclosed form right now. No order - No medal. Don't lose out and be sorry!

Howard Eisenberg will give the talk postponed from May on "The Coinage of The Soviets." Howard, in Moscow last summer, speaks with verve and enthusiasm on his experiences, and presumably will exhibit Soviet coins.







### OUR 50th ANNIVERSARY MEDAL

A.

Trygve Rovelstad, sculptor of nearby Elgin, is designing the Chicago Coin Club's 50th anniversary medal. Rather than use the hackneyed symbols of Chicago, such as the lake front skyline, old water tower, transportation center, etc., the committee suggested a truly art medal. The result, shown in far-from-finished states, are the profile of a classical Greek female head (obverse) and a constellation which was prominent when the Club was formed fifty years ago.

Born of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 was the symbolic representation of the City's determination to overcome calamity and adversity, to rebuild and to achieve its destiny as the metropolis of mid-America. An early depiction was the facing figure of a vigorous woman, arms akimbo, with armored torso and a headdress dominated by the mythological phoenix rising from flames. "I WILL" was on the breastplate.

The profile on the medal is from the left side of the face of a heroic I WILL statue designed by Rovelstad and approved by the State Legislature for erection in Lake Michigan east of Buckingham Fountain. The head is a modern adaption of the head of Arethusa on the ancient Greek coins of Syracuse, with a subordinated phoenix added. Around the left rim of the medal is "C.C.C. 50th ANNIVERSARY" and behind the head and neck the dates "1919 1969." This die is to be defaced after the striking of these medals is completed.



The reverse is designed with the intention of retaining the die for possible use on future Club medals, possibly for awards or commemoration of other events. The simple design features the Hexagon, a constellation of six stars of the first magnitude surrounding Betelgeuse, one of the nearest stars to earth and the first star to have its size determined (1920). Sirius, at the base, is the brightest star in the heavens. Others making up the Hexagon are, clockwise from Sirius, Procyon, Pollux, Capella (at the apex), Alderbaran (the red star) and Rigel. This constellation is visible in the southern sky in early evenings during January-March.

Besides representing the constellation under which the Club was born, this design symbolizes man's concern with astral exploration. Within the Hexagon is the Club's familiar monogram, CCC, surrounded by ORGANIZED 1919 INCORPORATED 1938. Around the upper half of the rim is the Club name, with its Latin motto DOCENDO DISCIMUS (We Learn By Teaching) below the Hexagon.

When viewing these preliminary pictures of the designs, it is important to keep in mind that they, especially the obverse, are in a rough state. Sculptor Rovelstad is an accomplished artist who, in his unhurried manner, can be depended upon to create an artistic and pleasing medallic design. The committee was anxious to get some representations of the designs to members without further delay so that they may place orders.

Please read the enclosed subscription form carefully and act accordingly. Remember, your silver medal will be struck only if ordered!

Orders, with deposits, have been received from 49 members at this writing.









# CHICAGO COIN CLUB *Chatter*

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597th Meeting

October 9, 1968

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## PLAZA ROOM - SECOND FLOOR - SOUTH

### SEPTEMBER MEETING

Probably the big event of the last meeting was the signing of the 100th silver medal order - and your editor didn't get that member's name! The important thing is that we went over the minimum number needed - understand the final figure was 111 - and finishing the models will be followed soon by cutting the dies and striking our 50th Anniversary art medals. Start planning now to attend the 600th meeting in January and receive the medal you ordered in person. \*\*\* We welcomed new members Craig Ellis Gibrich, Ronald Lovesky, Edward Milas and Joseph Scheidler, even though not all were among the 49 persons present. \*\*\* Applicants for membership were Kurt Eckstein, Phyllis (Mrs. Howard) Eisenberg, Dennis Fogue, Jeanne (Mrs. Ralph) Goldstone, Kenn Henderson and Walter Perschke. \*\*\* For the first time since the drawing of members' names for free dues for next year was started in February the first drawn was present and so Clyde Hand will have his 1969 dues remitted. Be sure to attend every meeting next year, Clyde - they're free to you. \*\*\* Lee Hewitt, with a little help from several others, reported on the fine A.N.A. convention in San Diego. We read in CALCOIN NEWS that there were 101 persons registered from Illinois, with only California, Arizona (127), Ohio (116), and Texas (109) having more. Next year the convention is in Philadelphia. \*\*\* Exhibitors were Gerda Birkholz, William Brown, I. T. Kopicki, William Pettit, David Schector and Glenn Smedley. In accordance with the announcement in the September CHATTER, the exhibits were judged and points awarded toward the Richard Cabeen annual exhibit award medal.

Peter Spadoni showed some beautiful color slides of medals, many relating to Chicago numismatics and convention badges. The Birkholz slides weren't ready but Gerda showed some medals relating to George Washington and the Revolutionary War, and told us something of their recent trip to the Williamsburg area. \*\* It was a varied and interesting meeting, as is getting to be a habit with our meetings.

### FRIENDS DEPARTED

Two long-time Chicago numismatists have died recently: one a member of C.C.C. and one a former member. Fred A. Clarke, C.C.C. member 337 and A.N.A. 7007, died about the date of our September meeting but we have not learned the date or other particulars. Fred was the Club's librarian for many years, attended regularly until recently and took an active part as an exhibitor and at auctions. The other was Edwin Williams, a member of the Club many years ago and the second oldest living A. N. A. member (832) in years of membership. Edwin died on September 22 after several months of illness.

Dennis Fogue, another knowledgeable young numismatist of the Chicago area, is scheduled to talk at the October meeting on "Obsolete Bank Notes of Illinois." Dennis not only has a good collection of these notes but has spent much time the past few years compiling information for a book on the subject which the Society of Paper Money Collectors expects to publish soon. He has scouted the known collections in the midwest and is truly "the" expert on this subject.





## A NEW HOME?

There was some discussion during the September meeting about holding our meetings at a different location. Another place has been offered at a lower rental than we have been paying for several years but only a couple of members had seen it. After free discussion a motion was made and passed that President Grebinger appoint a committee to investigate, with power to lease a suitable loop area location for less than our present cost. A report may be ready at the October meeting.

## FREE - IF

A friend has supplied a limited number of a nice 40-page 8 by 10 inch booklet which contains a lot of information about U.S. mints and their products. It is not for sale and cannot be obtained by mail, but those who attend the October meeting may have a copy each for the asking.

Cornerstone laying ceremonies were held September 18 for the new mint building in Philadelphia - how many other mint building have there been in that city? Did you know that the first mint was the first building erected by the Federal Government? What is the term of appointment of the Director of the Mint? We know that Miss Eva Adams is Director of the Mint now; how many predecessors has she? Which one served for the longest time? (This one may surprise you). What privately built and operated mint became a U. S. branch mint? The answers to these questions and much other historical and technical information can be found in the booklet offered.

## THE PNG SHOW

Professional Numismatists Guild  
October 11-13, Palmer House, Chicago

The Chicago Coin Club, cooperating with PNG receives compensation for assistance in the show. Your help is needed; your efforts improve the Club's treasury. Please report for duty as much as possible any time from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday- 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Report at the October meeting when you can help.

The Israel Government's outstanding medal and coin display will be shown and a program of talks and movies will be held Saturday evening. Plans are to be outlined for an Israel coin club in the Chicago area, we hear. Everyone interested is cordially invited to attend this "Israel Night."

## ILL. N. A. CONVENTION

The Illinois Numismatic Association held its 9th annual convention in Peoria September 21-22. Howard Eisenberg and Dennis Forgue, directors, and their brides were present and Dennis was re-elected. Three C.C.C. members were exhibit judges: Philip Budd, William Pettit, and your editor. Member Andrew Oberbillig won a first place trophy with his excellent New Zealand Exhibit.

As usual, my greatest pleasure was seeing some old friends and finding some new ones. Among C.C.C. members were Donald and Phyllis Doswell, Joseph and Blanche Merkel and, a Chicagoan not previously mentioned, J. Thomas Nolan. Next year the convention is to be held in Centralia.

## NEW ADDRESS

Be sure to notice the secretary's new address: 442 Crescent Blvd., Lombard, Il. 60148. It may not be permanent so be sure to look at the heading of each issue of THE CHATTER. The Club has given up the Chicago Post Office box it had.

## BIRTHDAYS - SEND A CARD

Birthdays that I know of in the next month or so are: Harry Flower, 16th, James Grebinger, 21st, Marjorie Baker, 26th, and August Hausske, November 6th. No, I don't know their ages! Yours'll be listed in the future if you'll mail or hand a note to me, but don't tell me and trust my memory.

## WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?

Secretary Marjorie Baker reports that there are about 140 regular, 20 associate and half a dozen junior members of the Club in Chicago and close-by communities. Of course, at any time, a few are ill or away from the area; but why is our attendance only about a third of this total number? Our meetings are informative and instructive, we have good fellowship, and your officers try hard to please you. Sometimes it is discouraging to work and see so little response.

If you have a "gripe" or a suggestion for improving the meetings, please let it be known now. President Grebinger or Secretary Baker will give careful attention to your communication or the editor will publish anything pertinent sent to him for the Club's good. We'd like to hear from you - still better, we'd like to see you at meetings.







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## OCTOBER MEETING

Partly by design but largely by chance, the October 9 meeting was an outstandingly interesting one. The attendance was good, although the editor didn't get the figure to report. \*\*\* President Grebinger surprised us by reading a letter which was accompanied by a check for \$5,000 from member "Dick" Cabeen as a free gift to the Club. More about that elsewhere in this issue. \*\*\* Guest J. Eric Engstrom, of Kansas but attending the Law School of the University of Chicago, was present to receive his A.N.A. 1967 Heath Literary Award and silver medal from Glenn Smedley who had accepted it for Eric at the San Diego Convention. This high honor was earned by Engstrom with his article on Paper Money of the French Revolution in the January 1967 issue of THE NUMISMATIST. \*\*\* Max Schwartz, in Chi. for the P.N.G. show the following weekend, was a visitor and had a few words to say about the show and his past association with the Club. \*\*\* President of the Medallic Art Co. "Bill" Louth, now a member of C.C.C., was present for his second meeting this year and assured us that our silver 50th Anniversary medals will be ready for distribution at the 600th meeting in January. \*\*\* Seldom seen members who we were most happy to have at this meeting included C. S. Carlson, M. Vernon and Marcella Sheldon. \*\*\* New members Kurt Eckstein, Phyllis Eisenberg, Dennis Forgue, Mrs. Ralph Goldstone, Kenn Henderson and Walter Perschke were welcomed. \*\*\* The committee headed by Jim Budd, appointed to look into the matter of a meeting place for 1969, had a satisfactory report BUT the plans have since run into a most improbable snag which leaves the matter un-

resolved as of this writing. \*\*\* Dennis Forgue made a fine talk, and accompanying exhibit, on Illinois bank notes. Naturally, this is a subject of special interest to Chicagoans and Dennis brought out a number of little-known facts about the development of banking and banks in our State. \*\*\* Other exhibitors, who spoke briefly on their offerings, were Gerda Birkholz, Harry Boosel, Harry Flower, Gary Krug, William Pettit, Joseph Schiedler and Glenn Smedley. \*\*\* Losers in the monthly drawing for "free" dues for 1969 were Edgar Keller, I. T. Kopicki, Bruno Marek, and Don Urchel. Sorry, Fellows, but you made Arthur Allen happy by staying away so he could be the winner. \*\*\* Sam Carlson, who is usually the first member to pay his annual dues, scored again by paying up for 1969. Incidentally, are YOU sure your 1968 dues were paid??? A few members overlooked this - at least, we trust they don't want to lose their membership. \*\*\* Yes, it was a good meeting. If you missed this one, try to make the 598th, and do plan to attend the 600th on January 8th. After all, you don't have the chance to take part in any club's 50th anniversary meeting very often. And those who ordered the silver 50th Anniversary medal may pick them up at this dinner meeting.

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Now, hear (read) this! Lee Hewitt has promised to be the featured speaker at the November 13 meeting. What will be his subject? Not even Lee knew when he took the assignment but those who know him will look forward to hearing him. One man's opinion: There are mighty few as knowledgeable numismatists in the world as our own Lee F. Hewitt.





## A CLUB BENEFACTOR

Richard McP. Cabeen observed his 30th anniversary as a member of both the Club and the A.N.A. in a way which endeared him to members of his local club. Early this year he donated \$210 to C.C.C., which the officers set aside to provide annual medallic awards to the top exhibitors at monthly meetings.

Member Cabeen felt that reports of his "generous" donation were more "generous" than it deserved so, late in September, he wrote: "Now let's try again and make it worthwhile". With the letter to Secretary-Treasurer Marjorie Baker he enclosed his check for \$5,000 to the Club.

While he suggested a few activities in which the money could be used, his letter closed thus: "However, these are only suggestions. The check is a free gift to be used as the officers and the membership decide." Being recorded as a non-profit, tax-exempt organization, the Club is'nt subject to tax on account of the gift but must record its use to show that it is not used to the direct benefit of individual members. And "Dick" can claim it as a tax deduction if he wishes.

For many years the philatelic column in the Sunday CHICAGO TRIBUNE has been written by this versatile man who spends his work-days with an architectural firm. More recently he has produced an equally newsy column in the same publication for the enlightenment of coin collectors.

Propriety dictates that this account of an unusually devoted hobbyist's extraordinary contribution end with an expresion of gratitude. So, Dick Cabeen, just in case you have any doubts, your fellow members extend a sincere "thanks" to you, and hope that you derive the pleasure from this act to which it entitles you.

## THE P.N.G. SHOW

Held again this year in the Palmer House, the annual P.N.G. show on October 11-13 was a success. Total attendance was approximately 2,000 as registered at the Club-manned table. While a bit below last year's, due probably to lack of local advertising, one dealer commented, "We had fewer lookers but more buyers." Besides a fine and diversified exhibit provided by members, of whom I failed to get a complete list, the Israel Government's extensive coin and medal display was shown. The Saturday "Israel Night" program drew a good crowd to which formation of the Israel Numismatic Society of Illinois was announced.

## PERSONAL NOTES

You'll be glad to know that I. T. Kopicki is recovering from the back ailment which kept him out of circulation from Friday the 13th of September until recently. He's trying to get in shape to vote for the right candidates in THE election and to attend the November 13 (not Friday) C.C.C. meeting.

With much regret we report the lack of progress in the conditon of George Petr who has been confined in Edgewater Hospital for several months with a foot infection. He truly appreciates cards and notes from members. The hospital's address is 5700 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago 60626.

Three Club members are officers of the newly organized Israel Numismatic Society of Illinois, an affiliate of the American Israel Numismatic Association. Harry Flower is Vice President and Treasurer, and Aldona Davis and Louis Nagy are members of the Board. Congratulations.

November birthdays: Peter A. Spadoni, 4th August Hausske, 6th. Must be others but we've not heard of them.

In spite of cloudy and rainy weather, and getting the car stuck in the woods once, the Kleins and Smedleys enjoyed five days in upper Michigan since the October meeting. If you don't know what a Petoskey (Mich.) stone is, see my string tie at the next meeting.

## BOARD MEETING

C.C.C. officers held a board meeting October 23 and discussed a number of Club matters. Among decisions reached was that the Richard Cabeen annual exhibit award will be in the form of a uni-face medal mounted on a suitably inscribed wooden plaque. The face of the medal will bear the reverse design of the Club's 50th Anniversary medal. Plans were instigated for publication of an anniversary bulletin early next year. Among other things it will contain a brief history of the Club, lists of its officers and recipients of the various Club awards, and a current membership list.

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The Club hereby extends thanks to the Oak Park Coin Club for the use of its exhibit cases in connection with this show.

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## SECRETARY'S ADDRESS

Mrs. Baker's new address is shown in the list of officers at the top of the first page.







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GATHER IN THE PLAZA ROOM, 2nd FLOOR SOUTH, FOR THIS LAST MEETING OF OUR 49th YEAR

MORE GOOD NEWS

While France has trouble with its franc, the Club's dollar position continues to improve! At the October meeting President Grebinger had the pleasure of announcing the \$5000 gift from Member Cabeen. Last month Jim had the satisfaction of telling us that IRS had replied favorably to our request for refund of the income tax payment we had to make about a year ago. About mid-November this refund was received in the amount of \$1066.74. In addition to the payment of \$990.99 for taxes, interest and penalties, the refund included \$75.75 interest on our money.

This did not result from shedding tears and offering prayers to IRS but rather from a number of consultations and filing the proper informational forms. First, the original bill (for 7 years tax) was pared down about half by getting IRS to take into its calculations a couple of "loss" years. Then the bill was paid and an application for "tax exempt" status as a non-profit social club was prepared and filed. Upon getting approval of this status, the necessary forms to request the refund were obtained and filed. And this account simplifies the procedure very much!

So, it was not a simple matter of wishing and pleading. President Grebinger and all who helped him, especially August Hausske and Jules Marshfield, deserve more praise than they'll get for their efforts and perseverance.

NOVEMBER MEETING

As promised, Lee F. Hewitt drew upon his wide knowledge and experience to give us an interesting narrative of the federal government's regulations relating to the importation and holding of

gold coins. Like most numismatists, Lee sees many of the regulations, and especially their interpretations as almost autocratic rather than being based upon numismatic reason. He's hopeful but not very optimistic about future change that would be more favorable to collectors. \*\*\* Our 1969 meetings will be held at the Pick-Congress Hotel under substantially the same arrangements we've had the past year. Thoughts of a new meeting place had to be scrubbed due to a situation arising which was completely beyond the Club's control. \*\*\* Howard Eisenberg reported progress on plans for the 1969 Central States convention to be held May 2-4 in the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel. Assisting Howard are Richard Peterson, James Budd (exhibits), Marty Greene (bourse), James Babka (security), William Pettit (educational forum), J. Thomas Nolan (finances), and Charles Ryant (properties). CSNS members wishing exhibit space should contact Budd promptly at 130 Chicago Ave. Oak Park, Ill. 60302. Eisenberg may be contacted at 1308 Spring St., Madison, Wisc. 53715. Rarcoa will conduct the convention auction. \*\*\* President Grebinger announced that the Club received \$600 for helping with the mid-October PNG show, and thanked those who manned the registration desk and gave assistance in other ways particularly James Budd for arranging and hand-

*William Brown is scheduled to speak on "Masonic Chapter Pennies" at the December 11 meeting. This has long been a favorite subject of collecting but for a relatively few collectors. Should be an interesting talk. \*\*\* AND the ladies will hold their traditional grab-bag swap of \$1 Christmas presents and will serve coffee and cookies to all present. We hope you'll be there.*





ling the exhibits. \*\*\* In the monthly drawing for "free" 1969 Club dues, Bill Pettit was lucky because Dr. Frazin, Fred Nickel, Robert Pizer, Charles Ricard and Mrs. Urchel were all absent. \*\*\* Our excellent exhibit showings continue with participation at this meeting by Gerda Birkholz, Howard Eisenberg, Harry Flower, Dennis Forgue, William Pettit and Glenn Smedley. Speaking of exhibits, during the month of November, Dennis Forgue had an exhibit of Illinois obsolete bank notes in the downtown Chicago Public Library. \*\*\* After some discussion, a motion was offered and passed that the Club donate \$50 to the American Numismatic Authentication Trust with the understanding that it will be remitted if not enough funds are raised for setting up the authentication service. Another motion proposed submitting Past President Henri Ripstra's name for enshrinement in the ANA numismatic Hall of Fame. (The official nomination form has been completed and submitted) \*\*\* J. Thomas Nolan was appointed chairman of our 600th meeting to be held at Harding's Restaurant at 21 South Wabash Avenue on Wednesday, January 8. Tom promises (with backing by Tom Shugrue) a prime rib dinner at \$6.00, including tax and tip. That's a most reasonable price for "Harding's Just Wonderful Food." The two Toms need a count of heads by December 28, so please get your check off right away for the Tickets you need. Make it payable to the Club, but be SURE to send it with your address to J. Thomas Nolan, 4250 Marine Dr., Chicago 60613. Remember, you won't have a chance to attend our 50th anniversary again, and if you ordered a silver medal you can pick it up there.

### GEORGE PETR

After several months of illness, George Petr died in Edgewater Hospital on November 12. George was one of our more recent members and also one of the most enthusiastic. At meetings, he had exhibited quite regularly and often made interesting talks about his material and current numismatic subjects. He had been slated to handle the registration desk at next spring's Central States convention. We extend condolences to Mrs. Petr and assure her that we too will miss George. The Club expresses its sympathy to two other members: David Schechter whose wife died early in November, and Bruno Rzepka on the loss of a brother at about the same time.

### PERSONAL NOTES

Long-time Member Charles J. Ryant, Ph.D., had a big part in writing the preliminary report of the Joint Study Committee on Air Pollution, the State of Illinois. The Committee retained him as technical consultant and he is listed in the report as Technical Secretary of the Committee. At the recent successful Aurora Coin Club show, C.C.C. members took important parts. William Pettit's education panel consisted of C.C.C. members Kurt Eckstein, J. L. Grebinger and Neil Shafer; and Al and Gerda Birkholz had charge of exhibits. Greetings to Clyde L. Grimm whose birthday is December 19th. Send a card to him at 3002 - 26th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79410. Past President Elston Bradfield spent his Thanksgiving Day in a Hospital where he's undergoing a new treatment for his ailment. He is scheduled for several weeks there and would be pleased to have visits or cards from his friends. Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital, Room 263-A, 1753 W. Congress Pkwy., Chicago 60612.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The nominating committee, with Harry Flower as chairman, reports the following slate of officers for 1969:

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| President . . . . .          | James L. Babka  |
| 1st Vice President . . . . . | Lee F. Hewitt   |
| 2nd Vice President . . . . . | James R. Budd   |
| Governor . . . . .           | A. R. Birkholz  |
| Governor . . . . .           | J. Thomas Nolan |
| Governor . . . . .           | Glenn Smedley   |
| Governor . . . . .           | James Grebinger |

Attention is called to the provision of our bylaws that "Any five members in good standing may at the December meeting file in writing with the Secretary nominations, with their consent to serve, for any of the elective offices."

DON'T miss the 600th meeting on January 8. Send your check for tickets at \$6.00 each right away to J. Thomas Nolan, 4250 Marine Drive, Chicago 60613.  
 Help the committee -  
 Do it NOW!

